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August 3, 2015 Lightning Fire Update

Yreka, CA – Storms moved through the area again over the past 72 hours and firefighters worked hard through the weekend to suppress new lightning fires, keeping any new Klamath fires relatively small. Several large fires burning in Napa, on the Six Rivers and the Shasta-Trinity National Forests are contributing to the smoky air quality here in the north state.

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District:

- **Happy Camp** area detected six new fires; the **Fish**, **Granite** and **Clauson** Fires were quickly contained at less than a tenth of an acre. The **Five-mile Fire**, burning on the Five and Ten Mile Divide on the east side of the Siskiyou Wilderness is currently at approximately 50 acres. A ten person crew arrived on scene this morning and fire spread on the east flank has been checked. Because of the remote and rugged nature of this fire, air support is needed in order to make headway and keep firefighters safe. Current strategy is to construct line around the fire using crews, with air support for suppression. The **Ten-mile Fire** located a quarter mile from the Five-mile has been combined into the Five-mile Fire. Crews were unable to locate one additional fire, the **Walker**.
- In the **Oak Knoll** area the **Howards Fire**, near Horse Creek in Howard's Gulch which grew to 15 acres is now contained. The **Sterling Fire** was contained at less than half an acre by Rogue River-Siskiyou crews. Patrols are still working to locate the **Cottage Fire** and additional air resources are on order. The **Low Fire**, near Black Mountain on the border between the Klamath and Rogue Siskiyou National Forests is a remote four and a half mile walk from the Klamath side, further from the Rogue Siskiyou side. Heli-rapellers are expected to be on scene there today.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- In the **Salmon River** area the **Hotelling Fire** was controlled at a quarter of an acre and is now in patrol status. There were no other new fires.
- The **Scott River** area received one new start Saturday, the **Stones Fire** and one new start Sunday, the **Sugar Fire**, both are now contained. The six fires reported last Friday are all contained.

Goosenest Ranger District: reported one new fire, the **Sisters 2 Fire** was contained at under one quarter acre and is in patrol status.

The Klamath National Forest remains under Fire Restrictions. Forest visitors should practice extra caution by extinguishing campfires (where allowed) until they are cold to the touch, dispose of cigarettes properly and be aware of anything that may cause a spark and ignite a wildfire. Persons with a valid California

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Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. Persons holding a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable contained gas or liquefied-petroleum lantern or stove with a fuel shut off valve. The discharge of fireworks is always prohibited on National Forest lands.

To find out more about what you can do to prevent human caused, unwanted wildfires, please go to www.preventwildfireca.org.

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